

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL  
Division of Operations-Management

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TO: All Regional Directors, Officers-in-Charge,  
and Resident Officers

FROM: Richard A. Siegel, Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Merger of Regions 18 and 30, Reassignment of Des Moines  
Resident Office to Region 17

On December 14, 2004 the Board announced its decision to merge Regions 18 and 30, and to reassign the Des Moines Resident Office to Region 17. See *Federal Register: December 14, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 239)* pages 74541-74542.

Consistent with the Board's direction, January 13, 2005 the Milwaukee, Regional Office, currently Region 30, will operate as a subregional office under Region 18, Minneapolis. Unfair labor practice and representation cases arising under the National Labor Relations Act in the areas currently served by Region 30<sup>1</sup> will continue to be filed in and investigated by the staff in the Milwaukee office. Casehandling authority with respect to cases formerly supervised by the Director of Region 30, will be exercised by the Regional Director in Region 18, and the Milwaukee office will be consolidated with Region 18 for administrative purposes.

In addition, as part of the restructuring, the Des Moines, Iowa Resident Office, currently reporting to Region 18, is being reassigned and will report to the Regional Director in Overland Park, Kansas (Region 17).

This restructuring is undertaken to achieve significant efficiencies and cost savings while maintaining the level of service historically offered to the public. Thus, the NLRB will continue to have a significant presence in Milwaukee and continue to provide convenient and prompt service to local parties while realizing taxpayer savings. The restructuring is prompted by a decline in unfair labor practice and representation case filings in Regions 18 and 30 and out of a desire

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<sup>1</sup> In Wisconsin, the Milwaukee office services Adams, Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Shawano, Sheboygan, Vernon, Vilas, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood Counties; and in Michigan, the Milwaukee office services Alger, Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Menominee, and Ontonagon Counties.

to equalize caseload and case management responsibilities in the three contiguous regions.

Upon the effective date of the reorganization, communication concerning Milwaukee cases (which will continue to bear the prefix "30") should be directed to Region 18 Regional Director Ronald M. Sharp. If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact me.

/s/

R. A. S.

cc: NLRBU  
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